

REMARKS

Claims 15-19 and 48-50, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

The allowance of claims 15-17 and 50 is noted with appreciation. The informality in claim 15 has been corrected.

Claims 18, 19, 48 and 49 were rejected as being unclear under 35 USC 112. In response, claim 18 was amended to clarify that the body is configured in the shape of a ring while this language was removed from claim 48 so that it is consistent with claim 18. The word "earring" was deleted from claim 19. Accordingly, the amended claims now overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree that all claims are patentable, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in order to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

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